

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

JOHN B. MATTHEW & LAURENCE H GOODYEAR
Serial No: 09/462,695
Filed: January 12, 2000
For: Improved Papermaking Screenplate
& Method of Construction
Art Unit 1723
Examiner: Matthew O Savage

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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks,
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE

We respond to the Official Action dated April 16,
2003.

Kindly amend the specification page 7, by
inserting the following after the first paragraph:

As noted above, strips and spacer performs are
assembled and metallurgically bonded throughout their
intercontacting surfaces. Metallurgical bonding is a
technique known to those skilled in the art and is
disclosed in United States Letters No 5921486 which
states that copper brazing and high temperature
diffusion welding are used for metallurgically bonding
components in papermaking refiner plates.